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COMMISSION (IWC)

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1. IN MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO FONMIN OFFICIAL (CARLOS CROHARE) AS PER REFTTEL, EMBOFF MENTIONED THAT ONE YEAR AGO WE HAD INVITED THE GOC TO JOIN THE IWC. AT THAT TIME CHILE DECLINED BECAUSE OF ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER THE PERMANENT SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION (PSPC) (SEE REF A ENCLOSURE 2). CROHARE CONFIRMED THAT THIS STILL IS GOC POLICY. IF, HOWEVER, THERE IS DANGER OF A BAN OF SEAFOOD IMPORTS TO THE U.S. UNDER THE POLLY AMENDMENT, CHILE WOULD HAVE TO REEXAMINE ITS POSITION, ACCORDING TO CROHARE.

2. AS A MEMBER OF THE PSPC, CHILE CANNOT JOIN IWC UNLESS CERTAIN AGREEMENTS RELATING TO WHALING ARE ABROGATED. CHILE WILL NOW BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH ECUADOR AND PERU ON THIS ISSUE. CROHARE BELIEVES THAT SINCE PERU IS DIRECTLY AFFECTED AND PROBABLY WILL ITSELF NOW WANT TO
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JOIN IWC, PSPC MEMBERS SHOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ABROGATE THESE AGREEMENTS BY MUTUAL CONSENT.

3. THE PSPC GIVES THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS FOR CHILEAN WHALING:

YEAR	TOTAL CATCH
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1968	428
1969	253
1970	291
1971	253
1972	352
1973	246
1974	164

GOC CATCH STATISTICS FOR 1975 AND 1976 ARE STILL IN PREPARATION AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS; ESTIMATE FOR 1975 CATCH IS LESS THAN 100 WHALES (REF A).

4. THE PRECIPITOUS DECLINE IN CHILEAN WHALING ACTIVITY SUGGESTS THAT CHILE IS NOT A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TARGET FOR POLLY AMENDMENT ACTION. EMBOFF NEVERTHELESS EMPHASIZED THAT, SINCE THE ENTIRETY OF THE CHILEAN CATCH IS ABOVE THE IWC QUOTA, ITS RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE WILL NOT NECESSARILY CONFER IMMUNITY.

5. COMMENT: CHILE HAS BEEN MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO EXPAND ITS SEAFOOD EXPORTS, AND SHOULD BE VERY SENSITIVE TO ANY POSSIBLE THREAT TO THIS ACTIVITY. WHALING, BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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